

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1. (Currently Amended) A method for providing interactive assistance with populating an automated document that includes at least one field, the method comprising:
 - selecting an entity to which the document applies;
 - assigning a prioritization to each of the at least one field;
 - prompting for a response for each of the at least one field, the prompting varying based on the prioritization of each of the at least one field;
 - performing a compliance check of each response for the at least one field to determine if the response complies with predetermined legal requirements;
 - iteratively revising the prioritization of all of the at least one field upon receiving the response to each of the at least one field; and
 - prompting for a response for at least one field, the prompting varying based on the iteratively revised prioritization of all of the at least one field.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the document is a form.
3. (Original) The method of claim 2, wherein the form is used for compliance with educational requirements.

4. (Currently Amended) The method of ~~claim 2, claim 3,~~ wherein the educational requirements include requirements under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.

5. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
identifying data from an accessible repository responsive to any of the at least one field of the document; and
automatically populating each of the at least one field of the document for which the responsive data from the accessible repository are identified.

6. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the predetermined legal requirements are legal requirements under the Individuals with Disabilities Act.
further comprising:
~~performing a legal compliance check of a response for at least one field.~~

7. (Original) The method of claim 6, further comprising:
if the compliance check passes, providing an option to lock the document.

8. (Original) The method of claim 7, further comprising:
receiving a selection of a response to the option to lock the document; and
if the selection is to lock the document, preventing revision of each of the responses to the at least one field.

9. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
prompting a user for security information.
10. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the entity is an individual.
11. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
storing the automated document with the response to each of the at least one field.
12. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein prompting for a response to each of the at least one field includes:
variably highlighting each of the at least one field.
13. (Original) The method of claim 12, wherein variably highlighting each of the at least one field includes:
highlighting each of the at least one field in a color, the color varying with the prioritization of each of the at least one field.
14. (Original) The method of claim 12, further comprising:
identifying data from an accessible repository responsive to any of the at least one field of the document;
automatically populating each of the at least one field of the document for which the responsive data from the accessible repository are identified; and

highlighting each of the at least one field containing automatic populating.

15. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein prompting for a response to each of the at least one field is selected from a group consisting of prompting for a required response, and prompting for an optional response.

16. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein selecting an entity to which the document applies includes:

searching a repository containing at least one entity.

17. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
providing an option to select the automated document from a plurality of documents.

18. (Original) The method of claim 17, further comprising:
generating the plurality of documents via a search.

19. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the automated document is associated with a meeting.

20. (Original) The method of claim 19, wherein the meeting includes at least one event.

21. (Currently Amended) A system for providing interactive assistance with populating a customized document that includes at least one field, the system comprising:

means for selecting an entity to which the document applies;

means for assigning a prioritization to each of the at least one field;

means for prompting for a response for each of the at least one field, the prompting varying based on the prioritization of each of the at least one field;

means for performing a compliance check of each response for the at least one field to determine if the response complies with predetermined legal requirements;

means for iteratively revising the prioritization of all of the at least one field upon receiving the response to each of the at least one field; and

means for prompting for a response to at least one field, the prompting varying based on the iteratively revised prioritization of all of the at least one field.

22. (Currently Amended) A system for providing interactive assistance with populating a customized document that includes at least one field, the system comprising:

a processor;

a user interface functioning via the processor; and

a repository accessible by the processor;

wherein an entity to which the document applies is selected;

wherein a prioritization to each of the at least one field is assigned;

wherein a response for each of the at least one field is prompted for, the prompting varying based on the prioritization of each of the at least one field;

wherein the response for each of the at least one field is checked for compliance with predetermined legal requirements; and

wherein the prioritization of all of the at least one field is iteratively revised upon receiving the response to each of the at least one field.

23. (Original) The system of claim 22, wherein the processor is housed on a terminal.

24. (Original) The system of claim 23, wherein the terminal is selected from a group consisting of a personal computer, a minicomputer, a main frame computer, a microcomputer, a hand held device, and a telephonic device.

25. (Original) The system of claim 23, wherein the processor is housed on a server.

26. (Original) The system of claim 25, wherein the server is selected from a group consisting of a personal computer, a minicomputer, a microcomputer, and a main frame computer.

27. (Original) The system of claim 26, wherein the server is coupled to a network.

28. (Original) The system of claim 27, wherein the network is the Internet.

29. (Original) The system of claim 27, wherein the server is coupled to the network via a coupling.

30. (Original) The system of claim 29, wherein the coupling is selected from a group consisting of a wired connection, a wireless connection, and a fiberoptic connection.

31. (Original) The system of claim 23, wherein the repository is housed on a server.

32. (Original) The system of claim 31, wherein the server is coupled to a network.

33. (Previously Presented) A computer program product comprising a computer usable medium having control logic stored therein for causing a computer to provide interactive assistance with populating an automated document that includes at least one field, the control logic comprising:

first computer readable program code means for selecting an entity to which the document applies;

second computer readable program code means for assigning a prioritization to each of the at least one field;

third computer readable program code means for prompting for a response for each of the at least one field, the prompting varying based on the prioritization of each of the at least one field;

fourth computer readable program code means for performing a compliance check of each response for the at least one field; and

fifth computer readable program code means for iteratively revising the prioritization of all of the at least one field upon receiving the response to each of the at least one field.

34-46. (Canceled)

47. (New) The system of claim 21, wherein the predetermined legal requirements are legal requirements under the Individuals with Disabilities Act.

48. (New) The system of claim 22, wherein the predetermined legal requirements are legal requirements under the Individuals with Disabilities Act.